

HOUSE RESOLUTION 262
By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Billy Pullen of Germantown High School, on his selection as Teacher of the Month for December by the City of Germantown and the Germantown Education Commission.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Billy Pullen of Germantown High School is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pullen was recently selected as Teacher of the Month for December by the City of Germantown and the Germantown Education Commission, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Billy Pullen is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously during his ten years at Germantown High School to motivate his students to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, he is a tremendously talented creative-writing instructor and humanities and English teacher, and he is also sponsor of the nationally recognized literary magazine *The Iconoclast* and a published playwright; and

WHEREAS, the students of Germantown High consider themselves blessed by their association with this supremely talented gentleman who has received such vaunted honors as 2002 Outstanding Humanities Teacher in Tennessee, a \$2,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study Shakespeare in Lennox, Massachusetts, and the

Tennessee Williams Scholarship at the Southern Writers Workshop at the University of the South; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, he serves on the Executive Board for the Shelby-Memphis Council of Teachers of English; and

WHEREAS, Billy Pullen truly serves as an inspiration to his peers and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pullen truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Billy Pullen on being chosen as Teacher of the Month for December by the City of Germantown and the Germantown Education Commission, commend him for his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.